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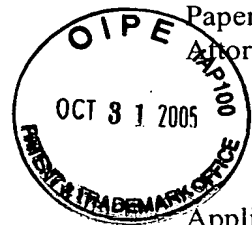
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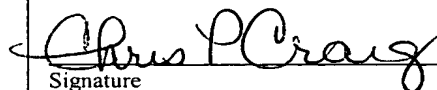
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Some of the references identified in Form PTO/SB/08A were cited in an International Search Report (ISR) dated November 26, 2003 and an International Preliminary Examination Report dated October 20, 2004 in the underlying International Application. The references cited in the ISR and IPER are relevant for the reasons stated therein. The August 23, 2005 Notice of Acceptance of Application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.495 indicates that copies of the ISR and IPER have been received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Therefore, copies of the ISR and IPER are not enclosed herewith.

German Utility Model No. 90 05 581 U is cited on page 3, lines 8-24 of the specification of the present application and is further relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

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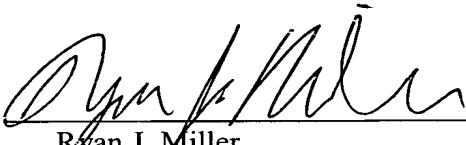
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